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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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3       An improved pipe belling apparatus and method are  
4       shown in which a spiral strip of thermoplastic material  
5       is extruded and wrapped spirally about a mandrel and  
6       integral gasket. The heated material is allowed to cool  
7       and the connection thus formed is stripped from the  
8       mandrel. The gasket is retained within a groove which is  
9       simultaneously formed of the thermoplastic extrusion.

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